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SUBJECT: CHANCERY AND RESIDENTIAL SECURITY

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1. ALL ASPECTS OF SECURITY AT KUALA LUMPUR, BOTH CHANCERY AND RESIDENTIAL, WERE DISCUSSED WITH AMBASSADOR UNDERHILL ON AUGUST 28 WITH EA/EX AND REPRESENTATIVES OF SY. THE AMBASSADOR WAS ASSURED OF THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR BOTH MONETARY AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THOSE MEASURES HE FELT DESIRABLE AND PRACTICAL FOR PROVIDING VIABLE PROTECTION FOR THE EMBASSY AND RESIDENCES AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE. THE VARIOUS REPORTS FROM THE EMBASSY AND RSS HONG KONG WERE EXTREMELY USEFUL IN OUTLINING OPTIMUM SAFEGUARDS AND NECESSARY QUALIFICATIONS DICTATED BY POLITICAL, FINANCIAL, AND PRAGMATIC CONSIDERATIONS. THE AMBASSADOR HAS RESERVED JUDGMENT ON SEVERAL OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS PENDING HIS RETURN TO KUALA LUMPUR ON SEPT. 8, AND HIS REVIEW OF THE SECURITY

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SITUATION IN LIGHT OF THE CHANGED SECURITY ATMOSPHERE

CREATED BY THE JRA ATTACK.

2. PERSONNEL: WITH THE AMBASSADOR'S CONCURRENCE TWO CONSEC MSG'S HAVE BEEN NOMINATED FOR TDY KUALA LUMPUR (STATE 204368). THE POST IS ALSO AUTHORIZED TO HIRE A

RECEPTIONIST ON A PIT BASIS. COMPLEMENT CONTROL NO. 4 HAS BEEN ISSUED TO AUTHORIZE THE PIT. THE POST HAS ALREADY BEEN ADVISED CONCERNING A TDY CONSULAR OFFICER (STATE 189820).

3. CHANCERY: THE FLOOR PLANS DESCRIBING THE INTERNAL ALTERATIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE POST HAVE NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED. HOWEVER, THE DEPARTMENT, WITH THE AMBASSADOR'S CONCURRENCE, IS IN GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH THE NARRATIVE PLAN AND THE RSS'S MODIFICATIONS THERETO; I.E., POSITIONING OF BOTH THE NCOIC AND RSO OFFICES CONTIGUOUS TO THE HOLDING AREA. THE AMBASSADOR IS ALSO INTERESTED IN EXPLORING WITH THE CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER AND JAPANESE AMBASSADOR, WHO OCCUPY SPACE IN THE BUILDING, THE POSSIBILITY OF RESERVING ONE ELEVATOR FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN THE AIA BUILDING AND RETAINING A GUARD OR GUARDS, EITHER LOCAL POLICE OR PERSONAL HIRE, FOR OPERATING THE ELEVATOR. POST IS REQUESTED NOT TO INITIATE ANY ACTION ON THIS PROPOSAL PENDING AMBASSADOR'S RETURN. ALARM SYSTEMS PRESUMABLY COULD BE INSTALLED IN THE ELEVATOR TO ALERT ALL MISSIONS TO POSSIBLE TROUBLE.

4. RESIDENCES: IT WAS GENERALLY AGREED THAT THE OVERALL CRIME SITUATION HAS NOT DETERIORATED TO THE LEVEL WHEREBY SEMI-PROFESSIONAL GUARD SERVICE IS NECESSARY TO SAFEGUARD USG PROPERTY AND PERSONNEL. RATHER, POST SHOULD INSTITUTE, WITH FULL SUPPORT OF SY, NORMAL RESIDENTIAL SAFEGUARDS OF LOCKS, GRILLS, KEY CONTROL, ALARMS, PERIMETER LIGHTING, ETC., AFTER AN INDIVIDUAL SURVEY OF EACH RESIDENCE AND THE TAILORING OF THE SECURITY PACKAGE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF EACH SITUATION. WE ARE NOT RPT NOT PREPARED AT PRESENT TO GO WITH A MOBILE, ROVING GUARD VEHICLE AT THIS TIME. AGAIN, THE SITUATION WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE AMBASSADOR ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HIS RETURN AND THE FINAL SECURITY POSTURE WILL BE DETERMINED AFTER ALL ASPECTS OF THE SITUATION ARE CONSIDERED.

5. THE BUREAU WILL APPRECIATE THE POST'S BEST ESTIMATES OF COSTS RELATED TO THE INTERIOR RECONFIGURATION OF CHANCERY SPACE. ANY SHARING OF COSTS FOR MOVEMENT OF THE USIS ELEMENTS FROM THE 10TH FLOOR TO THE 9TH FLOOR WILL BE A MATTER FOR DISCUSSION WITH USIA AT THE WASHINGTON LEVEL.

WE CERTAINLY DO NOT EXPECT USIA TO ABSORB THE TOTAL COST
OF AN UNWANTED MOVE BUT TO SHARE THE COST FOR A MOVE
WARRANTED FOR OVERALL SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS OF THE U.S.
MISSION AT KUALA LUMPUR. THE RSO WILL BE EXPECTED TO
APPROACH SY DIRECTLY FOR THOSE DEVICES REQUIRED FOR RESI-
DENTIAL SECURITY PROTECTION. INGERSOLL

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